HYMN XXIV.

MELANCHOLY.

I.

O Pluck me quick the raven's quill,
And I will ſet me down,
My deſtin'd purpoſe to fulfil,
But with this interrupted ſkill,
Of thought and grief profound.

How

II.

How to begin, and how
From this ſad fav'rite t
The man of ſorrow in m
I at my own ideas ſtart,
As dread as Daniel's d

III.

As ſoon as born the infan
For well his ſpirit kno
A little while, and then h
A little while, and down
To take a ſtern repoſe.

IV.

But man's own death is nc
For which moſt tears ar
Wife, children, to the gra
Or friends to make the he
That it ſuch bleſſings kn

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